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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/509,879 ) Examiner: Ajay Vasudeva  
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Filed: October 4, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 4958  
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For: MOORING OF A FLOATABLE )  
UNIT TO A VESSEL SIDE )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the application.

**REMARKS**

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in objected claims 2-5, 8-10, 12 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, claims 1, 6, 7, 11 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No.